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U. S. Senator Engages Headquarters at Harrisburg for Speakership Contest

BOTH SIDES LACK VOTES

Baldwin Claims Much, but Written Pledges of Support Are Insufficient

United States Senator Robert Penrose will take personal charge of the fight against the Brumbaugh State administration when it is launched in earnest just before the session of the Legislature opens January 2 next, and will personally direct the campaign of Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware County, the Penrose candidate for Speaker.

Penrose has engaged headquarters at the Senate Hotel in Harrisburg, and is expected to go to the Capitol and assume direction of his forces in the factional fight the middle of next week.

In spite of claims by the Baldwin campaign managers that the Penrose candidate is certain of at least 110 votes in the Republican caucus that will be held on the night of January 1, and the assertions made by Republican Organization leaders of both sections that Cox is facing an uphill fight for the speakership, it has developed that neither of the leading candidates for Speaker has sixty votes pledged to him in writing.

Baldwin, according to Republican leaders, has the personal assurance of support from a majority of the members of the House, but the number of votes pledged him in writing is far below the necessary eighty-five to make him the majority choice of the Republican caucus.

Rebellion has broken loose in Governor Brumbaugh's camp in Harrisburg as the result of the proposed plan to have Insurance Commissioner O'Neill and State Highway Commissioner Black trade places in order to give the Administration additional strength for the Cox speakership campaign.

It was reported that the Governor contemplated the change because the powerful political machinery of the Highway Department could be used more effectively by O'Neill than by Black. The latter, however, made it plain, it is said, that he would resign rather than permit himself to be made a party to such a political trade.

MANY CONFERENCES

Nearly every department of the Administration appeared somewhat demoralized, and yesterday was filled with conferences. Uncertainty was in the air. The Governor after a lengthy conference decided that Black should retain his present post, according to word received from Harrisburg. There were wild rumors current throughout the day that other political heads were about to fall in the Cox-Baldwin speakership fight. One more head has fallen in the Governor's effort to wipe out "disloyal" employees. James McKelvey, of Pittsburgh, assistant director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, tendered his resignation yesterday. He was asked to resign a week ago.

One of the features of the Cox campaign against Representative Baldwin, the Penrose candidate, is the detailed, State-wide canvass being made for Cox by Congressman-elect John R. K. Scott. In Penrose headquarters the statements were bluntly made that Scott was utilizing the present occasion to develop his gubernatorial boom, with the special object of winning Progressive votes, returned to the party, to his side for the fight that will mark the next State-wide primaries.

GOVERNOR DENIES RUMORS

Rumors of other decapitations were numerous, but the Governor took no public action along that line. He declared, on the other hand, there was no truth in the story printed at Pittsburgh to the effect that he contemplated making changes in the heads of the State Health Department and the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Governor refused to discuss the possible removal of Banking Commissioner Smith and Chief of Mines Roderick.

Mr. Cox after conferring with the Governor, Attorney General Brown and Public Service Commissioner McGee left last night for Pittsburgh from which point he will visit several counties with Congressman John R. K. Scott. Mr. McGee believes the majority of the Allegheny delegation will be for Cox.

Longport Sea Wall Assured
ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 20.—The long, deferred project of erecting a sea wall for the protection of Longport against the tides is about to be realized. The estimated cost of the project has been brought down to \$250,000, which is well within the financial resources of the borough. It is considered certain that the contract will be awarded early in the new year.

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State Pardon Board Deluged With Pleas for Mottern and Haines

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—When the four members of the State Board of Pardons—Lieutenant Governor McClain, Secretary of Internal Affairs House, Attorney General Brown and Secretary of the Commonwealth Woods—take their seats today to hear the third appeal for clemency in the case of Henry Ward Mottern, seventeen years old, and Ernest Haines, Jefferson County boys sentenced to die in the electric chair, they will be deluged with a mass of pleas for mercy.

The pleas, in the form of letters, telegrams and petitions, come from every section of Pennsylvania and bear the names and opinions of hundreds of the most prominent men and women in the State. Many of the documents are from civic societies, women's clubs, religious organizations and social service bodies, and they set forth a multiplicity of reasons, ranging from the extreme youth of the condemned, their unfortunate environments and lack of training to the plea for clemency, why the sentences of Mottern and Haines should be commuted to life terms in prison.

Secretary House said today that he has never before been led to such serious contemplation of an official act as he has of tomorrow's session of the Board of Pardons. Hundreds of communications, mail and wire, have piled in upon him, both in his office here and at his home in Lebanon. Counsel for the two boys arrived in Harrisburg to be ready for the hearing. They are Raymond E. Brown, who represents Mottern, and William T. Darr, who will present Haines' plea for life. Both attorneys are from Brookville, where, in the Jefferson County prison, the two boys were awaiting transfer to the deathhouse at Rockview penitentiary.

A well-known Pennsylvanian, not directly concerned in the case, but arrived to do what he is in his power to impel the Board of Pardons to a merciful attitude. He is Representative Lex N. Mitchell, of Jefferson County, and he is prepared to inform the Board of Pardons that the people of his county are unanimous in their appeal for a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment.

"The county is aflame with sentiment against the execution of these boys," he said. "No one believes Mottern capable of realizing the horror of his act, and Haines is a victim of an unfortunate home environment, as well as of the natural result of isolation in the barren Oliver township prison."

Mr. Mitchell has written a letter to the board, detailing his personal knowledge of the circumstances in the case of Mottern, whom he has talked with in prison. He believes firmly that the lads are the victims of environment, plus hereditary mental weakness, which, regardless of their age, should explain their willingness to commit murder.

WHAT'S ONE FLIVVER FOR NINE "KIDDIES"?

Mrs. Dannaher Wants No Domestic Warfare, So Prize Package Is Sold

Fifteen men might have been able to tango on a dead comrade's chest, but nine kids, some of them alabaster, could hardly expect to jump into a flivver. Thus ends the dream of the younger members of the Dannaher family for joy rides this summer in an automobile which eight-year-old Catherine Dannaher won in a raffle at a Derry Church fair Monday night.

The Dannaher family live at 888 North Forty-sixth street. The father died three years ago. Several months ago Elizabeth purchased two tickets for the raffle, laid them on a shelf and forgot them. As a matter of fact, the dog got one—but not the right one. Then when Father Fitzgerald came to money, Elizabeth, of her luck, she offered to sell the machine to him and he gave her its value of \$360.

"There's no one starving around here that I can see," said Mrs. Dannaher yesterday. "But of a summer night, when everything has settled down, and I've gotten the family adjusted, I don't want any warfare to break out over who is going to use the family car—that's all."

Jersey Officials Seek Fake Scales
TRENTON, Dec. 20.—Because of the number of schemes for defrauding the public discovered about this time last year weight and measure officials throughout the State will pay particular attention this week to the sale of poultry. State Superintendent William L. Waldron, of the Weights and Measures Department, has notified each official to be on the lookout. It is also urged by the superintendent that housewives be on their guard.

Trenton Teacher Quits to Join Army
TRENTON, Dec. 20.—Prof. Henry Worthington, of Lancaster, Pa., a teacher in the Junior High School of this City, has resigned to accept appointment as second lieutenant of infantry in the regular army. He recently passed an examination for the position, and will probably be assigned to duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

NAMING OF APPRAISERS HELD UP BY DEADLOCK

McConch and Powell Can't Agree on Personnel—Clash Over Vane Men

The appointment of a new Board of Appraisers, which was to have been made during the last few days by City Treasurer McConch and Auditor General Powell, will be held up indefinitely and may be thrown into the hands of Governor Brumbaugh.

The City Treasurer and Auditor General, who have the power to appoint the board, have held several meetings, but so far have failed to agree upon the personnel of the new board. McConch, who is a Vane follower, wants at least one more Vane man named on the board. At present Select Councilman William E. Finley, executive director of the Republican City Committee, is the only Vane man on the board. McConch wants Frank J. Ryan, Vane leader in the Thirtieth Ward, appointed in place of either the McConch or the Penrose member of the present board.

Auditor General Powell, however, is holding out for the reappointment of the present board. In addition to Finley, the board is now composed of F. A. Van Valkenburg, brother of E. A. Van Valkenburg; John J. Croust, James A. Carey and Edward A. Devlin. Van Valkenburg and Croust were appointed three years ago as Washington party men and have the support of E. A. Van Valkenburg and Powell, who is also a Progressive. Carey is the McNichol member of the board and Devlin is Penrose's principal lieutenant in the Eighth Ward, Penrose's home ward.

"Should McConch and Powell disagree on the appointment of the board, the naming of the body would automatically pass to the Governor when the terms of the present board expire. The Governor undoubtedly would appoint the men favored by the Vane."

Seeks Data on Rumanian Booty
LONDON, Dec. 20.—It is reported in Budapest that Von Bittok declared: "I still have no detailed data concerning the Rumanian booty—cereal, petroleum and other articles of value. The booty obtained in Rumania ought not to be overestimated."

Bucks Lawyer Going to War Zone
BRISTOL, Pa., Dec. 20.—Hugh B. Eastburn, Jr., a prominent young member of the Bucks County bar, who has been practicing law in Bristol, has enlisted in the French Ambulance Corps and will sail for France on Saturday.

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Judge Chambers Says Brotherhoods Will Not Call Walkout Before Decision on Eight-Hour Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The four big brotherhoods of railroad men will wait for the Supreme Court of the United States to pass upon the validity of the Adamson eight-hour law before taking steps toward calling another strike. In the opinion of Judge William L. Chambers, head of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation.

Judge Chambers said he did not expect the brotherhoods to force the issue before the court ruled, and he based his statement in information from the councils of organized labor. The work of the Mediation Board brings it in constant touch with the labor unions and Judge Chambers today explained that he had been sounding out sentiment at every opportunity, and had come to the conclusion that no railroad labor disturbance would anticipate the court's decision.

Should the Supreme Court take a stand contrary to the desires of the railroad brotherhoods, the Mediation Board immediately would step in and attempt to prevent a new strike, Judge Chambers announced. He declared the affairs of the board had been going in readiness so that, quick action could be had as soon as any threatened disturbance appears.

Will Ask Bids to Clear Parkway
Estimates for demolishing the remaining buildings on the line of the Parkway, including six saloons, will be asked for in a few days by Director Dattman, of the Department of Public Works. The Department hopes to let the contract for tearing away the buildings early next year. Buildings to be razed include the Medico-Chirurgical College at Seventeenth and Cherry streets and part of a large building occupied by the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Filbert street near Fifteenth. All of the properties come into the possession of the city on December 27, under notices served upon the owners three months ago.

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Mother and Six Children, Abandoned, Rushed to Mission at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 20.—A case of destitution was discovered in the nine-barren two miles from the McKees City Railroad station, when ex-Senator Lewis Evans, Assistant City Treasurer Charles Parsons and Charles Tilton, a contractor, on a gunning trip in the snow, found Mrs. Nicholas Pianto and six small children starving in a hotel without either warmth or food. The woman and her husband had abandoned them and gone to Philadelphia. Mrs. Pianto was wearing a shapless garment, made from bagging, in which other gunners a week ago saw her skimming through the woods for fuel. She had neither hat nor stockings and her shoes were without soles. The six children wore garments made from four sacks. They were crying for something to eat.

After starting a fire and procuring a temporary supply of food, the first the family had eaten for more than a day, ex-Senator Evans and his companions hurried here and notified Prosecutor Moore of the case. Late yesterday afternoon Mrs. Pianto and her brood of six little ones, wrapped in heavy robes, were brought to this city by County Probation Officer Soule in automobiles and taken to the Crittenton Mission.

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Exports Steadily Increase, While Imports Decline

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Philippine exports are steadily increasing. The returns for September, just completed, show exports of that month exceeded those of the same month last year by \$2,953,239. Imports fell off by \$1,833,373. The islands raised more rice and bought less outside. Wheat flour was imported in much less amount. The imports of cotton and manufactures of cotton and of steel and iron also fell off, being in each instance less than half what they were in September a year ago. But of automobiles and parts there was an increase by \$92,000. The hemp export was \$800,000 greater than last year, and the gain in shipments of coconut oil was \$76,000. The sugar export increased eighty per cent. The export of brown sugar was valued at \$1,868,000, a gain of more than \$800,000.

GERMANS JUSTIFY BLANKIE

Commanded an Armed Cruiser, It Is Held, and Had Right to Attack U-Boat

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In Commons A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the German Foreign Office had given assurance that Captain James Blaikie, taken prisoner by the Germans when the Caladonia was sunk, would not share the fate of Captain Fryatt, of the Brussels, who was put to death on the charge that his vessel attempted to ram a German submarine. Personal assurance to this effect, Bonar Law said, had been given the American Embassy at Berlin.

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